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1. **TRANSJORDAN: US recognition urged**--The US Representative at Amman concurs in the belief of UN Mediator Bunche that extension of de facto recognition by the US to Transjordan might have a desirable stabilizing effect on the work of the proposed UN conciliation commission and contribute to a final settlement of the Palestine problem. The US Representative considers that US recognition, by putting Transjordan on an equal footing with Israel and Egypt, would help to overcome the reluctance of Transjordan to extend current talks with the Israelis to the political level. US Ambassador Douglas in London transmits his belief that the British Foreign Office would welcome US recognition of Transjordan as a definite contribution to Middle East stability.

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